

From: Ruth Butwell
To: Johnathan S. Adelstein, Kevin Martin, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernaththy, Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 8:39 PM
Subject: Clear Channel Regulations

Dear Committee members of the FCC,

I am very opposed to you approving an other measure to allow monopolies in our media. This is not healthy for a democracy. Please vote no to these measures.

Sincerely,
Ruth O. Butwell
A very concerned Citizen

From: Lou
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 8:46 PM
Subject: Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thankyou for your message concerning medi

dear mr. copps,
thank you very much for your efforts on this issue.
respectfully,
lou karas

From: Tammy James
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 8:56 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commisioner Copps,

I wish you all the best on June 2. The American airwaves belong to the people not corporations.

I hope you can succeed in convincing the other commisioners to vote against further deregulation of FCC rules.

Sincerely,
Tammy James

From: Enid H. Brown
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 9:34 PM
Subject: OPPOSE Doc# 02-277

Commissioner Copps:

Thank you for coming to Detroit and inspiring us!

The attached letter in opposition to rule changes on broadcast ownership focuses on issues not covered in your Public Hearing. I have forwarded it to some Republican loyalists to try to influence their Congressional pressures on the Republican Commissioners.

With deep appreciation,

Enid Brown
Private Investigator
Franklin, MI

From: tim wilson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 9:37 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

mr. copps

" I would rather have a free press and no gov't than gov't and no free press." Thomas Jefferson

please bring these proposed rule changes to a public forum.

Thank you

Tim Wilson

From: Mick
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 10:13 PM
Subject: No Consolidation

Sir

No Consolidation please.
Your mandate is to the people and not the corporations.

Mick Natco
16354 Claridon-Troy Road
Burton, Ohio 44021

440-834-4757

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Bubba Da Skitso
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 10:38 PM
Subject: Voice of a victim

Dear Mr. Powell and Commissioners:

I am a perfect example of why the huge media corporations have already got too much of the american pie. I am an unemployed radio personality in southern California who had worked for Clear Channel for a number of years. I have been unemployed for the past year and have not much hope in site of getting on anywhere in the southern California market any time soon. It's hard enough to compete in a job position like this without a single company locking out individuals or eliminating positions altogether by down sizing, automating, putting a freeze on hiring and syndicating programs within the same market. Allowing any media group to now own all the outlets for news information in any one area regardless of size will put this country into a place that can only be a catastrophe. Don't let this happen. They need to be thinned, not Fattened!

Sincerely,

From: Eric Bal
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 10:49 PM
Subject: our democracy

Mr. Powell,

You Dad was a military hero who fought to preserve our freedoms and our democracy. Please do not help to destroy the democracy that your father fought to preserve, by allowing the media in these United States to be controlled by just a few. The further media consolidation that is now being proposed is so obviously inimical to the welfare of our democracy that to vote for it is to violate the oath of your office. Please act consistently with the most honorable services that your father has given this nation.

Eric Bal
1433 46th Street
North Bergen, NJ 07047

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Biljay1@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 10:54 PM
Subject: The upcoming meeting to change FCC regulations

Friends:

I oppose giving more power to rich media corporations by allowing unfettered restrictions on the number and kind of media outlets be massed by a few people or corporations.

Our country prides itself in freedom of speech and information. When all media is controlled by a few, competition of ideas will be curtailed. Democracy suffers. Dictators first shut down all media and broadcast only one voice. Opposition is illiminated. Why? So people won't be informed as to what's going on.

For example some stations today are heavily biased politically, which is fine, providing that contrary voices can find stations to hear the other side.

The rich and powerful corporations that appear to control our politicians by favoring them with money and gifts thus buying their votes, are in the main conservative. I see our country's democratic political process subverted by allowing media owners to consolidate and monopolize public owned airways.

Don't give away our air ways to greedy, rich corporations.

Thanks,

biljay1@aol

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Ernie Anderson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:07 PM
Subject: RE: Broadcast Ownership Rules

I have found that the dominant media players are considerably biased in their coverage of important issues facing all Americans.

The major news portals on the Internet are owned by the same major news organizations that dominate broadcast and print media.

I feel it would be a grave mistake to put more power into the hands of the dominant players in the media markets by allowing them even more concentration within their markets. To do so would be a great disservice to the American people.

I therefore urge you to NOT vote for an increase in the ownership concentration allowed by current regulation.

Sincerely

Ernest R. Anderson, Jr.
Meridian, Idaho

From: Langston, Bruce
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:23 PM
Subject: Re: media ownership regulation

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I have been reading about the proposed changes at the FCC to be review and possibly decided at the June 2 meeting. I ma very concerned. We need more diversity of media ownership, not less. Please think about the public interest, which will not be served well by consolidated media ownership.

DO NOT LOOSEN MEDIA OWNERSHIP REGULATION.

Sincerely,

Bruce Langston
Alpharetta, GA

From: Norm Woodel
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:59 PM
Subject: My Airwaves

Your eagerness to sell the Public Airwaves to your buddies in Corporate America is not going with out notice. You will pay for this arrogance.

nuff said,
norm@voxersshorts.com
Norm Woodel - Chicago

From: Charlie
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 12:07 AM
Subject: Please help to keep the Independents

Sir,

Right now I'm at the mercy of Verizon, my Telephone service provider. They also can tell me which Independent Internet can provide me with DSL. I was just cancelled from Frognet, whom I've had for almost two years. Originally they recommended Frognet. After I received the following Email:
Dear FrogNet DSL Subscriber,

Beginning on or around May 26th, FrogNet will no longer provide DSL Complete service in your area. You will need a new DSL provider.

Q: Why is this happening?

A: As you may know, this January FrogNet stopped offering its DSL Complete service to new customers. This was primarily due to customer support, provisioning and billing difficulties with Verizon, a key contributor to the DSL Complete service. We have been attempting since January to migrate our DSL Complete subscribers smoothly and without interruption to DSL Access-Only service.

Four months after placing an order with Verizon to migrate all DSL Complete accounts to the DSL Access-Only service, it is now obvious that, though clearly able to do so, Verizon is apparently not interested in assisting us with a transfer and regardless, recently implemented an ordering restriction which forbids FrogNet from serving DSL subscribers outside the 740/614 area codes. Verizon will prevent any attempt to purchase FrogNet DSL service outside the 740/614 area codes.

Q: What do I need to do?

When your current DSL service stops working, please unplug your DSL modem from the phone line. Once that's done, promptly contact the ISPs in the list below to see which one is right for you. According to Verizon's website, each of these ISPs provides DSL service in your area code and may, therefore, be able to provide you with DSL service.

If you are located within the 330 area code:
Internet Ohio: <http://www.ohio.net/>
Bright.net: <http://www.bright.net/>
Midview Internet: <http://www.midviewinternet.com/>
Tucso.net: <http://www.tusco.net/>

If you are located within the 419 area code:
Advanced Computer Connections: <http://www.accnorwalk.com/>
Dacor Internet Services: <http://www.dacor.net>
WCNet: <http://www.wcnet.org>

If you are located within the 937 area code:
Bright.net: <http://www.bright.net/>
In-Touch: <http://www.in-touch.net/>
Siscom: <http://www.siscom.net/>

DragonNet: <http://www.dragonbbs.com/>

We deeply regret the inconvenience this will cause you, and especially apologize that this is happening with so little notice. FrogNet Dial-up and Hosting are still available nationwide, and it would be our distinct pleasure to serve you in any way we're able in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call FrogNet customer support at 888/740-593-3764 or email us at staff@frognet.net.

Thank you so much for your business and support.

Sincerely,
Chip McIntosh
President, FrogNet, Inc

I found there was no provider to my area code. When I called Verizon, they told me that Verizon HAD NOT recommended Frognet. However, that is not true. I had Cincinnati's Bell Zoomtown prior to my purchasing my present residence. I wouldn't settle for "Dial up", so I called Verizon on a weekly basis until the above referral.

It's for this reason these other Independents should be allowed to vie for one's business. There's nothing wrong with competition. When Verizon is given permission to offer DSL in Ohio, they will undercut everyone else until they're out of business. Then the consumer falls victim to a monopoly.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

,
Charles R. Shepherd
3161 Hopewell Spur
Felicity, OH 45120-9732

From: Barbara Meldrum
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 12:22 AM
Subject: FCC proposal

FCC Chairman Michael Powell:

We are strongly opposed to the proposal to permit even more consolidation of news media. We are already without the independence of many local and regional media sources we had in the past. Don't make matters worse! Profits for big corporations should not come at the expense of a truly free press. The way news was channeled and focused during the recent Iraq war is evidence enough of the dangers of too dominating corporate control of the media.

Ronald and Barbara Meldrum
420 N. Polk St.
Moscow, ID 83843

CC: Michael Copps

From: CHARLES LOVE
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadlse@fcc.gov
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 12:26 AM
Subject: communications

Please Do Not Allow these companies to gain anymore of a monopoly than they already have. It will stifle freedom of speech and give the media mogels too big of a voice in what we hear. For Gods sake do not allow this to happen. They will have Way too much power. I ask you consider the right of every American to have his/her right to SPEAK FREELY and think about it the big guys will decide what we all say including Government (Think about it!). DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS I BEG YOU!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Mary Lloyd
To: FCC FCCINFO, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 12:34 AM
Subject: Open Communications

I think you have failed the American public and reduced the effectiveness of Constitutional Rights:

1. Free Speech
2. Freedom of the Press

Creating regulations that allow larger and larger companies to control the source of information is wrong.

Local news, regional and national news is important. The next FCC legislation limits the voice of America and decreasing my right and access to information.

Mary Lloyd

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CC: msmarylloyd@hotmail.com

From: George Carleton Harris
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 1:04 AM
Subject: Proposed Changes to FCC Regulations

Sir,

I have just learned of the changes it appears the FCC will approve next week regarding ownership of newspapers and public access broadcast (radio and television) stations. Once done, these changes may prove difficult if not impossible to undo.

The proposed changes are especially frightening to students of Twentieth Century Political History. The road map for communist success in the first half of the century was published publicly to the world by Vladimir Lenin in a pamphlet, "What is To Be Done". The first step was to obtain control of the media. The rest is history. Consolidation of broadcast and printed media, which while offering economies of scale, provides an opportunity for editorial control which may become politically ill-advised. (The Orwellian term "groupthink" applies.) A free and independent press a cornerstone of our country and one of the very reasons for the existence of the FCC.

We depend on public access stations for essential news and information (especially when traveling) and we depend on you and the other members of the FCC to ensure these stations are accountable and credible in the discharge of their broadcast responsibilities. Please remember, a large portion of our country does not have or cannot afford cable or satellite access. More importantly, during emergencies or national crises, public access sources may be the only sources of information for the public.

Please weigh your decision both carefully and prayerfully. I'm sure you will do the right thing.

Kindest regards,
Geo. Carleton Harris

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjnweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Eric Stachon
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 3:10 AM
Subject: Re: Proposed media ownership rules

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

I would like to go on record as opposing the proposed rules to relax media ownership requirements.

These rules seem to be designed to increase the power of big media conglomerates at the expense of democracy and diversity of viewpoints.

I have heard that public comment is running about 90% in opposition to these proposed rules. The fact that the Chairman saw fit to hold only one public hearing & has refused the request of fellow commissioners to delay the vote (and ignore public comments) speaks volumes about the Chairman's agenda & priorities.

Sadly, it appears that the days of the FCC representing the public interest have passed.

Have you no shame?

Sincerely,

Eric Stachon
Portland OR
eric@skyhighcreative.com

From: craig morissette
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 4:03 AM
Subject: Dear Mr. President and Members of Congress:

- POSTPONE THE FCC VOTE
- AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PUBLIC, NOT MAJOR MEDIA COMPANIES.
- THE FCC SHOULD BE WORKING FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, NOT MAJOR MEDIA COMPANIES.

As a citizen of these United States, I am OUTRAGED that leadership of the FCC HAS NOT responded to Congress and POSTPONED A VOTE that appears will result in less diversity in local news reporting over our public airwaves.

In Los Angeles we already get the SAME REPORTING ON TWO MAJOR STATIONS! Are we now to have three or more stations on our airwaves presenting the same repackaged programming? With ownership consolidation, eventually we will end up with profit driven cable/satellite-like homogenized national news feeds over our public airwaves and lose all local diversity in reporting.

If leadership of the FCC has forgotten their primary role--to protect the public interest--then they should be replaced!

STOP THE FCC VOTE NOW, until Congress can take a hard look at WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, NOT THE BOTTOM LINES OF LARGE MEDIA COMPANIES.

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From: Mckinneyhunter@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 4:44 AM
Subject: who owns you?

May 2003

Dear people,

I am a 30 year broadcasting veteran. Why are you people allowing big business to run the FCC? Companies like Clear Channel Communications are destroying the broadcasting business in this country and making our stations into cookie cutter money makers for the greedy. The working conditions are worse than ever.

I work for Westwood One, a large broadcasting corporation. I am paid \$8.60 an hour with zero benefits and no way up. I began at a poultry eight dollars an hour several years ago, and three raises later am still poor. The company doesn't care about it's employees, just hording money in order to buy up yet more stations. We that work within these radio stations fear corporate consolidation. Why are you allowing these greedy, money hungry monsters to continue to gobble up one station after another?

Here's how it works: A town has several stations. Lets say these 10 stations employ 1000 people. Clear Channel (or Big Bigg Corp) comes along, and buys all ten. 900 hundred people are fired, and 100 do the work of 1000.

These 100 workers are underpaid so that Clear Channel can buy yet more stations in other towns.

The 900 that are fired cannot find employment in their chosen field because Clear Channel, or some other money giant, now owns all of the stations in all of the towns. They are filthy rich, yet still the employees suffer.

More stations are bought in other towns, the stations are networked to the Clear Channel stations in the first town, thus fewer people are needed in the newly aquired stations, and more people are fired.

Clear Channel buys up more stations .No one else, people like myself, can ever own a radio station. Soon Clear Channel buys out what competition is left. Next they buy up the music companies and only Clear Channel music is heard in America.

All news will come from one condensed news room and all news is filtered by Clear Channel. Only politicians that are approved by Clear Channel and endorsed and we the people are fed only the biased programming that we are supposed to hear.

Soon all of the stations in the country are under one corporate roof. They make all policy and if people like myself don't like it, we don't work at honest work anymore.

You will probably not answer my letter because I am not part of the corporate citizenship. I am considered a lower caste and expendable.

If you decide in favor of this insanity of further deregulating the broadcast behemoths, you will once and for all send the message loud and clear that the FCC is no longer owned by the working citizens of this country. But are manipulated by those that are so greedy that being rich beyond belief is simply not enough.

The decision that you are about to make will tell those of us that actually work in this business, if you, the FCC, are "by the people and for the people," or merely a puppet for big business.

Will the FCC become a division of Clear Channel in the next year or two? Most of us have lost faith in the FCC as it is, please work for the little American, the one with absolutly no voice, and not the money

giants.

Lloyd McKinney Hunter

American broadcaster,
Louisville, KY.

From: Mckinneyhunter@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 4:53 AM
Subject: PS

In short: Please protect us from unbridled greed. Work for us.

From: peter wolff
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 5:52 AM
Subject: FCC legislation

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am very concerned about the new proposed legislation making possible the increased consolidation in the media industry. This trend can surely weaken the fabric of our democracy and/or trivialize the role of the media in it's preservation and development.

Peter Wolff

945 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

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